

Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

Bacon's Bits

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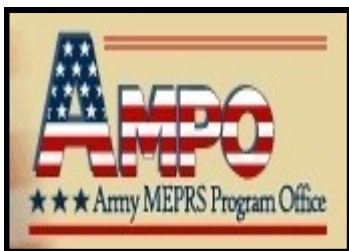
Happy New Year – sort of! We sent out our draft FY13 Guidance Policy, and since then we have all been working even harder to get ready for the new fiscal year. Please make sure your leadership and your users at your MTF are aware of the FY13 changes. These changes will impact, CHCS, Managed Care, Budget and individuals responsible for the Business Plans. The DMHRSi changes will affect your work center personnel, so it's imperative you also make them aware of the changes. The Program Office loaded the DMHRSi organizations on 25 September and as soon as we are finished reviewing all the projects, we will begin working on your organizations. The EASI tables testing is scheduled for 4-12 October and upon successful testing, the tables release is tentatively scheduled for deployment on 1 November.

As you know, there were issues with running the Army corporate reports within the EAS IV Repository. AMPO just completed the testing of the conversion of approximately 20 Army corporate reports from desk to webi. This testing was successful and the Program Office plans to deploy the reports the last weekend of October during the standard monthly maintenance timeframe. Once deployed, the reports will be available in the EASIV Repository under the Army Corporate Reports folder.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Sonja Bell as AMPO's new Administrative Assistant and congratulating Ms. Sherri Johnson on her promotion as the newest analyst here in AMPO.

It's that time of the year to think pumpkins and Halloween and AMPO will be celebrating with our annual Halloween bash. Most of us here at AMPO haven't decided on a costume, including me, but as always we will include a photo of our ghoulish selves (which is always good for a laugh) in the November newsletter. So, why do MEPRS analysts and mummies make good employees? We all get wrapped up in our work! Thank you for everything you do to make Army MEPRS number one!

Have a great month!



BEST-OF-THE-BEST Data Reporting Month of July 2012

Army Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF) MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, Defense Medical Human Resource System internet (DMHRSi) Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, Discrepancies for FY08-FY12 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's), and un-validated discrepancies on the Advice and Assist Reports generated as a result of MEWACS data population. Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

MEDCEN:

**FT. HOOD
DIANE PAPKE & STAFF
EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!**

BEDDED:

**FT POLK
JAMES SARVER & STAFF
CONGRATULATIONS!**

UNBEDDED:

**FT RUCKER
KATHY KELLEY & STAFF
AWESOME JOB!**

Y MEPRS CODE/FCC ON EAS ASD

MEPRS Codes/FCCs beginning with a “Y” are authorized for use within the financial systems (STANFINS and GFEBs) only and should not be added to the MTF Account Subset Definition (ASD) Table. MTF Budget Offices have created “Y” MEPRS Code/FCCs without prior approval of the MTF MEPRS POC or the AMPO. Just as with other MEPRS Code/ FCCs, the “Y” MEPRS Code/FCCs must be approved prior to use. These MEPRS Code/FCCs are intended for use when the Budget Office has a requirement to report expenditures/expenses but the expenditure/expense is not authorized to be reported in the Expense Assignment System (EAS). Only expenses related to the provision of patient care, the MTF medical mission, or the operation of the fixed medical treatment facility are authorized to be reported in EAS. The basis for appropriate reporting of expense data comes from the DoD 6010.13-M. The Foreword of the DoD 6010.13-M states, in part, “ It prescribes the procedures for the uniform reporting of expense and labor hour data for fixed military medical and dental treatment facilities.” and para C1.1.1.3. states “MEPRS defines a set of functional work centers/cost centers, applies a uniform performance measurement system, prescribes a cost assignment methodology, and obtains reported information in standard formats for fixed MTF and dental treatment facilities (DTF). Resource and performance data must reflect the resources used in delivering healthcare services and also comply with MEPRS functional work/cost center requirements. Data must be complete, accurate, and timely, and in sufficient detail to permit review and audit by management.”

MEPRS CODE/FCC YYYY

Some of you have noticed on the Monthly MEPRS Activity Report in CHCS, the MEPRS Code/FCC YYYY. When an Active Duty soldier receives inpatient care at a civilian facility, the patient is accounted for as “absent sick” by the MTF having geographic responsibility for the area in which the patient is hospitalized. The admission is documented in CHCS by entering the YYYY Absent Sick MEPRS Code/FCC. You may have also noticed XXXA MEPRS Code/FCC. This code is used in CHCS to document certain cases when a patient is not admitted to an MTF, such as the death of an active duty military. These cases are called Carded for Record Only. The YYYY and XXXA MEPRS Codes/FCCs are not to be deleted from CHCS and MEPRS should not be capturing data in either of these codes. Absent Sick and Carded for Record Only is further defined in AR 40-66, Medical Record Administration and Healthcare Documentation.

F Accounts in CHCS

All MEPRS Codes/FCC “F” accounts, with the exception of FBN*, in Composite Health Care System (CHCS) should be entered as NON-COUNT. MEPRS Codes/FCCs “FBN*” is the only “F” account entered in CHCS as COUNT. CHCS personnel should build the MEPRS Code/FCC profile in CHCS like a normal clinic. The hospital location will have schedules and the Provider Profile (PPRO) will be listed as NON-COUNT. The profile will roll over to AHLTA 60 to-90 days later.

Army Corporate Reports

Queries have been loaded onto the AMPO website, which enable the MTFS to run queries and correct discrepancies prior to the site discrepancy report submission. These queries include: Ambulatory Workload with Zero Expenses, Inpatient Workload with Zero Expenses, Zero Ambulatory Workload with Expenses, and Zero Inpatient Workload with Expenses for FY 08 – FY13. These queries are located at <http://www.ampo.amedd.army.mil/EASIV%20Repository/AmpoDiscrep.html>, and are also located within the EAS IV Repository Army Corporate documents. In addition, Clinical and Pathology Workload, Full-Time Equivalent (Manpower) & Expenses Report are available in the Army Corporate documents folder. If there are other standard reports you think would be beneficial, please contact your MEPRS Analyst. If approved, we will add these reports to the Army Corporate Documents. The FY13 Data Check Tool is also available with the FY13 Occupation Code Table and other Table updates. This database and other Database Tools are available within the AMPO Database section on the AMPO Website.





Q: Why can't I update the Account Subset Definition (ASD) Table for FY13 to add new MEPRS FCCs for the new FY. I keep getting errors indicating the date is not valid because it is not in the current FY.

A: ASD Table updates of adding new MEPRS FCCs for the new FY cannot be accomplished until after the FY Table update and rollover script is loaded into the production database. The testing of the Table updates is currently scheduled for 4-12 Oct 12. Depending on the success of the testing, the EAS Release with the Table updates and rollover script for FY13 is currently scheduled for the last weekend of October during the standard monthly maintenance timeframe.

One good thing to remember when preparing the ASD Table for the next Fiscal year is when a Deactivation date is specified for an FCC, it means that the site never wishes to use that code again after that date. With that said, if a site knows that they will use that FCC later in the next fiscal year, they should leave the code active in the current FY and add an Inactive Date Range for the inactive period for the FCC on the FY13 record after the FY13 Rollover release is deployed. This will make the code inactive for the necessary period and allow the code to be usable after the specified period. Please note that inactive ranges for periods within FY13 cannot be added until FY13 records have been added to the ASD. Inactive Date Ranges cannot be specified for a time period beyond the Fiscal Year that the record represents. For example, if a user is adding an Inactive Date Range for a Fiscal Year 2012 record, the Inactive Date range specified can only be between 10/1/2011 and 9/30/2012. If the Inactive Date Range spans across Fiscal Years, the user will have to add multiple Inactive Date Ranges. For example, if an FCC is inactive from 7/1/2012 to 1/31/2013, the user will have to add an Inactive Date Range for the FY2012 record of 7/1/2012 to 9/30/2012 and another Inactive Date Range to the FY2013 record of 10/1/2012 to 1/31/2013. When a FCC has multiple inactive ranges, it may appear to be duplicate records, but they are not.

Hail & Farewells

We welcome the following new members and bid farewell to those who have retired/or embarked on new paths!

Hail

Employee	Site	Date
Stacie Semezzer	WAMC	26 August 2012
Sonja Bell	MEPRS	25 September 2012

Farewell

Employee	Site	Date
Natasha Richard	BAMC	5 October 2012